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Brooksville native receives award posthumously

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The U.S. Department of Defense posthumously awarded the Defense of Freedom Medal to Gerald Lambert.

Lambert, 46, was killed in Iraq Oct. 11, 2006, when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device. Lambert worked as a security specialist for Special Operations Consulting – Security Management, Inc., which is headquartered in Minden, Nev.

Lambert, from Brooksville, Fla., provided security for the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program. He sacrificed his life to protect countless other lives, through collecting and destroying ammunition in Iraq.

Huntsville's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. To date, more than 400,000 tons of ammunition have been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq.

The Defense of Freedom Medal honors civilian employees and contractors of the Department of Defense injured or killed in the line of duty. It is the civilian equivalent of the military's Purple Heart.

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